

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP: SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
Minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting Town Hall Annex, 1st flr

Facilitator: Gail McCormick **Minutes:** Charlotte Milan

In attendance: Ryan Katofsky, David Hass, Scott Samenfeld, Brucie Moulton, Malcolm Bliss.
Downing Cless, DeAnne Dupont

November minutes will be reviewed in January

EcoFest: Energy Wise: Sparking Local Action, March 7, 2014

Vendor invitation ideas- send to Gail who will take it to the EcoFest Committee

SA EcoFest committee is meeting and will report back in January about ideas that

Protocol on Project Funding

A motion was put forward and ACCEPTED BY VOTE to adopt the protocol in spirit, but would benefit from clarifying edits. Charlotte will collect feedback and prepare the next draft for a vote at our January meeting.

Next Step Living- resolved, any language that refers to Sustainable Arlington as a partner was removed from their website

Preparing presentation for January: Adaptation for Arlington

List of resources- Cambridge, Boston, MAPC,

Presentation structure- Powerpoint prep- David, Dave Haas, DeAnne, Gail, Ryan, Brucie, Charlotte

Ryan will present, Charlotte will be backup

Invite new MCAN ED to the meeting

ASAP- we can review qualitatively, where have we made progress, that plan was about mitigation, how can departments in town communicate with each other, we present the varieties of issues

Add between draft item 2 and 3: What is an adaptable resilient community? Define that goal and work towards it. What state programs/opportunities could we aim to include in our goal? Measuring and verifying results is much harder- we averted something. How are we going to measure success? How do we even know if we are working on the right problems?

Also add some educational background- assume visitors don't know

Add bullets: Social mechanisms, Formalize communication among departments, Disaster recovery planning, who and where are our regional partners in planning and extreme conditions, Building codes for energy efficiency requirements and LID checklists, Water supply access cutoff

Our goal is to inspire

Send them a few items to review before the meeting

8-10 slides, hard copy summary, resources

Prepare 3-5 questions we're prepared to ask of them
What are we asking them for? Community Climate Adaptation Plan
What are we prepared to do to support that?
What would a working group do?
We want our Town to continue to lead
Resilient Arlington, what will it look like?

MCAN announces new Executive Director Carol Oldham
New Business

Energy Working Group update- Pierce School piloting a very sophisticated energy management system, last Green Communities grant is being spent on improvements at Ottoson, we are close to signing a Power Purchase Agreement for solar on some Town buildings. Town will be getting an electric vehicle and one charging station at DPW

Our current Representative for the Vision 2020 Standing Committee is stepping down, and another representative will need to be nominated to the Town Moderator for appointment. Vision 2020 is undergoing an updating process. Mass CEC is available to present at an evening event about developments in solar loan programs- David and Charlotte will follow up about this.
Higher electricity pricing- SA has the Library table in February- display energy saving strategies and advertise EcoFest, show how to use Kill-o-watt meters

Next meeting January 15, 2015